A short Scriptural

CATECHISME

FOR

Little Children.

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From a Child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make wise unto Salvation, through Faith which is in Christ Jesus.

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To the Reader.

IT is a matter of great lamentation, that Ignorance doth so much abound in this day, wherein Gospel-light shineth forth with so much brightness. It was the high Commendation of Abraham, He will Command his Children, and his Houshold after him, and they will keep the way of the Lord, *Gen.* 18. 19.

And it may be the great Discommendation of many Family-Governors, that they seek no more to render those committed to their Charge, instructed in the wayes of God: Catechising, for the bringing them into acquaintance with the holy Scriptures, is one choice means conducing to that great end: and that Answers may be short, easie to be committed to memory, and come with a Divine Authority upon the Heart; Thou hast here two Catechismes, both with Scripture answers to each question; if any variation in a word or two be found, it is for explication, or further clearing. One of these Catechismes *is for little Children, plain and easie, that as soon as they can speak they may learn to speak the Langnage of* Canaan; *The other may be useful for all sorts. That the Lord may make both of spiritual advantage unto many, is the desire of thy Friend and Servant in the Gospel,*

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A SHORT CATECHISME FOR Little Children.

CHAP. I.

Of God.

Q. *WHat is chiefly to be minded at years of discretion?*

A. Remember thy Creator in the dayes of thy Youth, *Eccles.* 12. 1.

Q. *Who created you and every thing else?*

A. God made the World, and all things therein, *Acts* 17. 24.

Q. *What is God?*

A. A Spirit, *John* 4. 24.

Q. *Is not God an eternal Spirit, having his Being of himself?*

Answer, Yes, From everlasting to

everlasting thou art God, *Psal.* 90. 2.

Q. *What further excellencies are there in God above all others?*

A. He is the living God, onely wise, almighty, above all gods, (most) holy, just, good, *Dan.* 6. 26. *Rom.* 16. 27. *Gen.* 17. 1. 1 *Chron.* 2. 5. *Josh.* 24. 19. *Isa.* 45. 21. *Nah.* 1. 7.

Q. *How is God to be worshipped?*

A. In Spirit and in Truth, *John* 4. 24.

Q. *Are there many Gods?*

A. No, there is but one God, 1 *Corinth.* 8. *verse* 4, 6.

Q. *Are there not three Persons in the Godhead?*

A. Yes, The Father, the Word, and the Spirit; and these three are one, 1 *John* 5. 7.

Q. *Can there be no hiding our selves from God?*

A. No. Whither shall I flee from thy presence, *Psal.* 139. 7. 8.

Q. *Are not our Thoughts hidden from him?*

A. No, Thou understandest my Thoughts a far of, *Psal.* 139. 2.

Q. *If we receive his Word, is that the best way of knowing God?*

A. Yes, Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God, *Prov.* 2. *ver.* 1. 5.

Q. *Do his Works also help us to know him?*

A. Yes,

A. Yes, The Heavens declare the Glory of God, *Pſal.* 19. 1.

CHAP. II.

Of Creation and Providence.

Q. *HOw did God make every thing?*
A. God created all things by Jeſus Chriſt, *Eph.* 3. 9.

Q. *Wherefore did he make them?*
A. The Lord made all things for himſelf, *Prov.* 16. 4.

Q. *Doth not God keep them alſo?*
A. Yes, Thou preſerveſt them all, *Neh.* 9. 6.

CHAP. III.

Of the Fall of Man, and the fruits of it.

Q. *WHo was the firſt Man?*
A. Adam, *Gen.* 2. 7. 1 *Cor.* 15. 45.

Q. *How did God make Man at firſt?*
A. Upright, *Eccleſ.* 7. 29.

Q. *Did Man abide in that eſtate?*
A. No, All have ſinned, and come ſhort of the glory of God, *Rom.* 3. 23.

Q. *What is Sin?*

A. The tranſgreſsion of the Law, 1 *Joh.* 3. 4.

Q. *How did* Adam *ſin?*

A. Eating of the Tree, whereof God commanded him that he ſhould not eat, *Gen.* 3. 11.

Q. *What was threatned upon his eating the forbidden fruit?*

A. In the day that thou eateſt thereof, thou ſhalt ſurely die, *Gen.* 2. 17.

Q. *Did* Adam's *Poſterity become ſinful hereby?*

A. Yes, By one mans Diſobedience many were made Sinners, *Rom.* 5. 19.

Q. *What miſery can come upon all by ſin?*

A. By Sin, Death paſſed upon all men, for that all have ſinned, *Rom.* 5. 12.

CHAP. IV. *Of Man's Recovery by Chriſt.*

Q. *IS there no way to eſcape this miſery?*

A. Yes, Jeſus Chriſt came into the World to ſave Sinners, 1 *Tim.* 1. 15.

Q. *What is Jeſus Chriſt?*

A. The only begotten Son of God, *Joh.* 3. 18.

Q. *Is Jeſus Chriſt very God?*

A. Chriſt is over all, God bleſſed for ever, *Rom* 9. 5.

Q. *Was he alſo Man as well as God?*

A. Yes,

A. Yes, The man Christ Jesus, 1 *Tim.*2.5.

Q. *Of whom was Christ born as he was man?*

A. Of the Virgin *Mary*, *Luke* 1. 27, 35.

Q. *How could a Virgin Conceive?*

A. She was found with Child of the Holy Spirit, *Math.* 1. 18, 20.

Q. *What Office hath Jesus Christ for our Recovery?*

A. Jesus is the Mediator of the New Covenant, *Heb.* 12. 24.

Q. *What are the three parts of that Office?*

A. A King, Priest, and Prophet, *Psal.* 2. 6. *Heb.* 7. 26, 27. *Acts* 3. 22, 23.

Q. *What are the chief Promises of that Covenant?*

A. Saith the Lord, I will write my Laws in their Hearts, and be to them a God; and remember their Sins and Iniquities no more, *Heb.* 8. *ver.* 10, 11, 12.

Q. *Is Salvation of our Selves?*

A. No, By Grace ye are saved, *Eph.*2.5,8.

Q. *What did Jesus Christ to save us from Death?*

A. Christ died for our Sins, 1 *Cor.* 15. 3.

Q. *How cometh his Death to profit us?*

A. Through Faith in his Bloud, *Rom.* 3. 25.

Q. *How do men become righteous unto Life?*

A. Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness to every one that believeth, *Rom.* 10. 4.

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CHAP. V.

Of Faith, and its fruits.

Q. *WHat is it to believe?*

A. To come unto Christ that we might have life, *John* 5. 40. *&* 6. 37.

Q. *How do men come to him, or believe?*

A. With the Heart man believeth, *Rom.* 10. 10.

Q. *What means helpeth this way?*

A. The Word of Faith, *Rom.* 10. 8.

Q. *What danger is there in not believing?*

A. He that believeth not ſhall be damned, *Mark* 16. 16.

Q. *What benefits have believers by Chriſt?*

A. He, of God, is made unto us, Wiſdom and Righteouſneſs, Sanctification and Redemption, 1 *Cor.* 1. 30.

CHAP. VI.

Of Repentance and Obedience.

Q. *SHould not all repent, and turn from ſin, as well as believe?*

A. Yes, God—now commandeth all men every

every where to repent, *Acts* 17. 30.

Q. *Muſt they not alſo yield Obedience to God?*

A. Yes, Fear God and keep his Commandments, for this is the whole Duty of Man, *Eccleſ.* 12. 13.

Q. *Where is the ſum of the Commandments?*

A. In *Exod.* 20.

Q. *What is the ſum of the firſt Table, or four firſt Commandments?*

A. The Lord our God is one Lord, and thou ſhalt love the Lord thy God with all thine Heart, and with all thy Soul, and with all thy Mind, and with all thy Strength, *Mark* 12. 29, 30. *Math.* 22. 37, 38.

Q. *What is the ſum of the Second Table, or Six laſt Commandments?*

A. Thou ſhalt love thy Neighbour as thy ſelf, *Mark* 12. 31. *Gal.* 5. 14.

Q. *Can any man perfectly keep theſe Commandments?*

A. No, In many things we offend all, *Jam.* 3. 2.

Q. *How come we then to act acceptably?*

A. We are his Workmanſhip, created in Chriſt Jeſus unto good Works, *Eph.* 2. 10.

Q. *Muſt not all Obedience be performed in Faith?*

A. Yes, Without Faith it is impoſſible to pleaſe God, *Heb.* 11. 6.

Q. *What*

Q. *What means of Grace must be used in the way to eternal Life?*

A. Search the Scriptures, *John* 5. 39.

Q. *Is not onely reading the Word, but hearing it purely preached necessary?*

A. Yes, Faith cometh by hearing, *Rom.* 10. 17.

Q. *Are we not also to meditate in it with delight?*

A. Yes, O how I love thy Law! (saith *David*) it is my meditation all the day, *Psal.* 119. 97.

Q. *Is it commendable even in Child-hood to be thus acquainted with the Word?*

A. Yes, From a Child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, 2 *Tim.* 3. 15.

Q. *What advantage thereby?*

A. They are able to make thee wise unto Salvation, 2 *Tim.* 3. 15.

CHAP. VII. *Of Prayer.*

Q. WHat other *special Duty are we to be found in?*

A. Evening, Morning, and at Noon will I pray, *Psal.* 55. 17.

Q. *What are we chiefly to pray for?*

A. Seek first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things (*i. e.* temporal

ral things) shall be added unto you, *Mat.6.33.*

Q. *To whom, and in whose name are men to pray?*

A. Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name (saith Christ) he will give it you, *John* 16. 23.

Q. *Christ died, may we still believe and pray in his Name?*

A. Yes, Through his Name, whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of Sins, *Acts* 10. 43.

Q. *Is he not still dead?*

A. No, Him God raised up the third day, *Acts* 10.40.

Q. *What became of him after his Resurection?*

A. He was received up to Heaven, *Mar.*16.19

Q. *Where is Christ now?*

A. Christ sitteth on the right hand of God, *Colosſ.*3.1.

Q. *To what end was all this exaltation?*

A. God raised him from the dead, and gave him glory, that our Faith and Hope might be in God, 1 *Pet.*1.21.

Q. *What becomes of the Souls of men after Death?*

A. The Spirit returneth to God who gave it, *Eccles.* 12. 7.

Q. *Will not the Souls of Saints be then in a better state then the Souls of others?*

A. Yes, The Spirits of just men are made perfect, *Heb.* 12. 13.

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Chap. VIII. *Of Judgment to come.*

Q. *WIll Christ come again?*

A. The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven, 2 *Thess.* 1.7.

Q. *What will he do at his coming?*

A. Judge the quick and the dead, 2 *Tim.* 4.1.

Q. *Shall the Bodies of the Dead be raised to Judgment?*

A. Yes, There shall be a Resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, *Acts* 24.15.

Q. *What shall they be judged for?*

A. God will bring every work to Judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or wehther it be evil, *Eccles.* 12. 14.

Q. *May we not then live in youthful Pleasures, Delights and Vanities?*

A. No, Rejoyce, O young man, in thy Youth,—and walk in the wayes of thy Heart and in the sight of thine Eyes; but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee to Judgment, *Eccles.* 11. 9.

Q. *What shall be the Judgment of the Wicked?*

A. They shall go away into everlasting punishment, *Matth.* 25.46.

Q. *What punishment?*

A. Into Hell; Into the Fire that never shall be quenched, *Mark* 9. 45.

Q. *What shall become of those that are righteous?*

A. The Righteous shall enter into life eternal, *Matt.* 25. 46. & 18.8.9. FINIS.